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Applicant(s):

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated June 23, 2005.

Claims 1-7 and 9-46 are currently pending. Initially, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 24-31 and 45. Claims 1-7, 9-23, 32-44, and 46, however, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and/or 103 as allegedly unpatentable over various cited items. Claims 1-3, 13-16, 19, 32, and 36 have been amended to clarify the subject matter being claimed, while the remaining claims are unchanged.

The cited items are addressed in the Remarks below. It is believed that Applicant's invention is distinct from each of the cited items, whether considered

alone or in combination, and that the pending claims are therefore in condition for final allowance.

Accordingly, please amend this application as shown herein. In view of the amendments herein and supporting remarks, final allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Summary of Claims

Pending: 1-7, 9-46

Amended: 1-3, 13-16, 19, 32, 36

Unchanged: 4-7, 17-18, 20-31, 33-35, 37-46

Canceled: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.